

## SHARE

### 6) CONNECT TO SHARE

The State Health Alliance for Records Exchange (SHARE) is Arkansas' statewide, interoperable health information exchange. SHARE will help facilitate the sharing of electronic health information among providers and help providers meet meaningful use requirements.

SHARE will be implemented in a series of phases. In Phase I, by the end of 2011, SHARE will be available to help providers achieve:

- E-prescribing by facilitating connectivity
- The exchange of structured lab results
- The exchange of clinical care summaries

In Phase I, SHARE will utilize secure messaging to facilitate the above meaningful use requirements.

Phase II of SHARE and beyond will evolve into a fully scaled and interoperable health information exchange. Phase II will allow providers to access and share patient information through a secure mechanism.

The benefits will include accurate and timely patient health care information, reduce duplicate tests and reduce medical errors. Additional benefits to the patients include access to their health information to promote patient involvement in their health care.

For more information, visit  
[www.ohit.arkansas.gov](http://www.ohit.arkansas.gov), [www.hitarkansas.com](http://www.hitarkansas.com)  
or [www.medicaid.state.ar.us](http://www.medicaid.state.ar.us)



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# Ready, Set, SHARE!

Now is the time to get **ready** for electronic health record (EHR) utilization, get **set** with the assistance you'll need to make the switch, and learn more about **SHARE**, Arkansas' statewide health information exchange.



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The Medicare and Medicaid Incentive programs will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals as they demonstrate meaningful use of certified electronic health record technology. To participate in the program, providers can follow the steps below.

## Ready

### 1) DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY

#### Providers

Providers need to determine if they qualify as an eligible professional for either the Medicare or Medicaid Incentive Program.

#### Medicare

- Eligible Professionals can receive up to \$44,000 over five years
- Eligible Professionals include MDs, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, and chiropractors
- Eligible Professionals who do not implement certified electronic health records by 2015 will have their Medicare claim payments reduced

To learn more about the Medicare Incentive Program, visit [www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms](http://www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms).

#### Medicaid

- Eligible Professionals can receive up to \$63,750 over six years
- Eligible Professionals include MDs, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, dentists, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants in a Rural Health Clinic or Federally Qualified Health Center
- Eligible Professionals must have a 30% Medicaid caseload unless a pediatrician, who only needs a 20% Medicaid caseload

To learn more about the Medicaid Incentive Program, visit [www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms](http://www.cms.gov/ehrincentiveprograms) or <https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us/InternetSolution/Provider/ehr/overview.aspx#ehr>.

#### Hospitals

- Eligible hospitals and Critical Access/Rural Hospitals (CAHs) qualify for incentive payments if they demonstrate meaningful use of certified electronic health record (EHR) technology

### 2) REGISTER

Registration for the Medicare Incentive Program is open; registration for the Medicaid Incentive Program will open November 7.

More information on the registration and attestation process can be found at [http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20\\_RegistrationandAttestation.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/20_RegistrationandAttestation.asp#TopOfPage).

### 3) ADOPT, IMPLEMENT OR UPGRADE CERTIFIED EHR TECHNOLOGY

To receive incentive payments, health care providers must adopt, implement or upgrade certified electronic health records and achieve meaningful use. To achieve this, providers may work with the Arkansas Regional Extension Center or can upgrade or purchase a certified electronic health record system on their own.

### Regional Extension Center (REC)—HITArkansas

To assist providers, HITArkansas provides the following services:

- On-site technical assistance with electronic health record adoption
- Education on selection, implementation and use of an electronic health record system
- Discounted vendor pricing for physicians participating with the Regional Extension Center
- IT Technical support services
- Project management, support and vendor oversight during electronic health record implementation and training
- Access to national updates on meaningful use and shared best practices from the 62 Regional Extension Centers around the country
- Meaningful use GAP analysis to ensure readiness for attestation

HITArkansas also provides technical services for Critical Access and Rural Hospitals:

- Identify HIT skill levels, readiness and need for technology training

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### 5) ATTEST

To get electronic health record incentive payments, eligible professionals must attest (legally state) that they have demonstrated “meaningful use” with certified electronic health record technology.

#### Medicare Attestation

Attestation can be done through Medicare’s secure website. More information can be found at [http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/32\\_Attestation.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/32_Attestation.asp#TopOfPage).

- Workflow evaluation and development of quality improvement initiatives
- Perform thorough meaningful use assessment
- Ongoing training and guidance for sustaining meaningful use requirements
- Other services based on identified needs

HITArkansas will also provide consultative services and assistance for all hospitals based on specific needs.

To learn more about HITArkansas or to sign up for services, visit [www.hitarkansas.com](http://www.hitarkansas.com) or call 501-212-8616.

Providers wishing to purchase an electronic health record system on their own can visit the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL) to learn which electronic health record systems and modules have been tested and certified by the Office of the National Coordinator. <http://onc-chpl.force.com/ehrcert>

### 4) TRAIN HIT WORKFORCE

National Park Community College in Hot Springs is training a health IT workforce to help providers adopt and use electronic health records.

To learn more about the program, visit <http://www.npcc.edu/community/healthIT.htm> or call 501-760-4294.

#### Medicaid Attestation

Providers participating in the Medicaid Incentive Program must demonstrate they have adopted, implemented or upgraded to certified electronic health record technology. Arkansas Medicaid has announced that registration will open on November 7. Providers may attest to having adopted, implemented or upgraded on November 8. Assuming providers meet all of the criteria for payment, payments could begin as early as November 17.

More information can be found on the Medicaid website at <https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us/InternetSolution/Provider/ehr/professionals.aspx#attest>, or call 501-683-0626.